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Executive Summary

The Systematic Review Workshop at the University of Pittsburgh's health Sciences Library System provides health sciences librarians with a comprehensive formal training program on supporting systematic reviews. According to the workshop's website, the course "provides a comprehensive framework and discussion of the librarian's role in the systematic review process, with special emphasis on successful completion of the literature search." As new standards for systematic reviews become part of a national conversation in health care, health sciences librarians need to not only understand why they are participating in this dialogue, but also need to exhibit a high degree of competency in managing complex searches. For solo hospital librarians in a highly competitive marketplace, courses such as HSLS's Systematic Review Workshop can show administrators that health information professionals are evolving at the pace of health care, and that they too are quality controls in this time of patient-centered outcomes research and meaningful use.

Minority Populations Served

African Americans: No
American Indians/Alaska Natives: No
Asian Americans: No
Hispanics/Latinos: No
Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders: No
Other: No

Approaches and Interventions Used

The primary goal of the project was to obtain an understanding of the librarian's role in supporting systematic reviews.

Evaluation Activities

The project was not evaluated

Problems or Barriers Encountered

No problems or barriers were encountered. The librarian received full support of the institution to attend the conference.

Continuation Plans

Although this project will not continue, the knowledge gained from the Systematic Review Workshop will be used to assist future research initiatives at St Michael's Medical Center.

Impact

The impact of the project was powerful enough to introduce administrators to the concept of professional development for health sciences librarians, and that health information professionals are relevant enough that there is federal funding to support their advancement...at the regional level.

Lessons Learned

The Sytematic Review Workshop provided the librarian with the knowledge needed to carry out and manage searches for not only systematic reviews, but for large-scale research projects of all kinds. Workshops such as these provide librarians working in small hospital libraries with the tools and language to not only support research at their institutions, but to also show administrators examples of how librarians stay relevant and competent in this day of hospital library closings.

Other

<http://www.hsIs.pitt.edu/systematicreview/index.html>

Attachment 1: AR summary data: Subcontractor activities